

Hoosier Echoes

Our meeting at Center Chapel closed with two additions, by relation and 3 applicants for baptism a total of five. During the time I was in this meeting Brother Furry preached at Milford, and Brother Fisher at Roann. Work moving along nicely.

At this writing I am at Milford, where I shall reside the present conference year. Good reports are reaching me along the line of Mission offerings. May we all be stirred along the line. I shall present the work of missions at Milford the 22nd., and at Roann the 29th as I could not on appointed days.

Wm. H. MILLER.

Milford, Ind.

From Ashland

Bro. C. F. Yoder of Warsaw, Ind. came to Ashland on November 27. The union Thanksgiving services, in which all the churches of the city took part, were held at the College Chapel. Brother Yoder preached a very able and appropriate sermon for the occasion. Services were held each evening until Dec. 10.

We had splendid and interested audiences from the first. Under Brother Yoder's direction the personal workers were everywhere and always busy. Brother Yoder was constantly at work, holding or attending on Sundays six different services.

As a result of the services twenty-five persons took a stand for Christ. The greater number of these will unite with our congregation. The influence of our meeting was far reaching. Members of other churches of the town were quickened. As for our own people, we were all greatly blessed and strengthened. The meetings were especially helpful in the experience it afforded our young men and women who are preparing to win souls.

There are many special features of the work worthy of mention. But I shall let others speak of them. I am sure I voice the sentiment of all when I say that Brother Yoder's work here was of the highest order, earnest, spiritual and uplifting. We all acknowledge our debt to him for the service he so cheerfully gave us. May God wonderfully use him to His glory and the saving of souls. God bless our churches everywhere.

J. ALLEN MILLER.

Indiana Conference Report

Minutes of the 14th state conference of the Brethren churches of Indiana held at Nappanee, October 8-10 1901.

MONDAY EVENING, OCT. 7

Praise service conducted by D. A. Hopkins.
Annual sermon by A. S. Menaugh.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 8

Conference convened at 9 A. M., A. S. Menaugh in the chair. Devotional services by G. H. Marks. The following committees were named by the chairman: Lay delegates, Isaiah Wright, A. R. Bemenderfer, D. A. Hopkins. Ministerial delegates, John Lowman, Henry Rinehart, D. C. Swonger. On committees, G. W. Rench, C. F. Yoder, Daniel Stephens. The subject "Reminiscences" was discussed in a pleasing and profitable way by W. W. Summers. Roll call of churches and response by delegates. Committee on ministerial delegates reported 16 delegates. Report accepted and committee continued. Committee on lay delegates reported 58 delegates. Report accepted and committee continued. The subject "The Selection and Election of Ministers" was taken up by J. Allen Miller, J. H. Swihart being absent. Five additional lay delegates were reported at this time. Committee on committees made the following report: Resolutions, L. O. Hubbard, Robert Holsinger, W. W. Summers. Location, Albert Evans, John Hood, J. E. Braker. Program, William H. Miller, C. F. Yoder, J. M. Fox. Report accepted. Query box by J. M. Fox. Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION 2 P. M.

Devotional service, L. O. Hubbard. Additional lay delegates reported bringing number to 85. One more ministerial delegate reported, bringing number to 17. The subject, "Publishing Interests" was discussed by J. Allen Miller, J. M. Fox, C. F. Yoder, D. A. Hopkins and B. H. Flora. "College Interests" discussed, J. Allen Miller followed by Yoder, Fox and Leslie. At this time \$4000 in endowment pledges were taken. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

Bible reading by G. W. Rench. Sermon by J. E. Braker. An offering of \$9.11 was taken for conference expenses.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

Wednesday morning praise service led by Maude Wingard.

Devotional service by Thomas Plew. Minutes of previous day read and approved as read. Committee continued. Five additional delegates reported, 90 in all. The subject "The New Testament Pastor" was discussed by B. H. Flora in an able manner. The statistical report given by W. H. Miller at this time was adopted as read. Following is the report:

Statistical report for year ending Sept. 30, 1901.	
Number of churches,	45
Buildings owned,	37
Buildings owned in part,	5
Other places used to hold services,	9
Total buildings owned wholly or in part,	42
Number of members July 1, 1901,	3420
Number of revivals held,	28
Number of accessions in revivals,	196
Accessions outside of revivals,	109
Total accessions for year,	305
By baptism,	202
By letter,	63
By relation,	26
Not stated,	14
Total lost,	132
Churches holding services weekly,	2
" " " bi-weekly,	17
" " " monthly,	17
Churches not reporting,	10
Number of prayer meetings sustained,	17
Number of S. S. C. E. societies,	27
Number of Sunday Schools,	41
of which there are union,	2
Number of Y. P. S. C. E.,	17
Value of church property,	\$53650 00
Value of other property,	715 00
Paid as pastors' salaries,	6585 00
Other expenses,	1896 30
Collected for district missions,	408 03
Total collected for home work,	510 80
Collected by Sunday School,	864 75
Collected by Y. P. S. C. E.,	141 21
Collected by S. S. C. E.,	1095 68
Total collected by auxiliaries,	2101 64
Number of active pastors,	18
Number of elders in churches,	17
Number of deacons,	82
Mission points presenting,	12

Wm. H. MILLER.

The subject "District Supervision" was discussed by G. W. Rench in an able manner, followed by J. Allen Miller and C. F. Yoder. Motion prevailed that a committee of three be appointed to report at the next session a proposition looking to the election by this conference of a State officer with duties of district supervision. Report of State evangelist A. S. Menaugh given, discussed by F. A. Frame and A. R. Bemenderfer. The report was verbal and accepted as given. The work in Goshen was also reported verbally by G. W. Rench; report adopted. Report of mission board by secretary and treasurer:

Report of mission board for year ending Oct. 8, 1901:	
Cash on hand Oct. 3, 1900,	\$185 32
Receipts from Oct. 3, 1900 to Apr. 1, 1901,	150 63

Receipts, April,	132 82
" May,	72 09
" June,	15 50
4th quarter and to Oct. 8 inclusive,	139 76
Total receipts,	\$696 12

EXPENDITURES

From Oct. 3, 1900, to April 1, 1901,	\$240 60
For 3d quarter,	123 75
For 4th quarter,	329 00

Total expense,	\$693 35
Cash in hand of treasurer Oct. 8, 1901,	\$2 77

Wm. H. MILLER, Sec. of M. B.

The report adopted as read.

Treasurer's report of mission board:

Balance from last year,	\$185 32
Received this year,	510 80

Total,	\$696 12
Paid out per order from secretary,	\$693 35
Balance,	\$2 77

T. C. LESLIE, Treas.

The report was adopted.

An additional report with method for incoming year was given by the mission board. Discussed by William H. Miller, J. E. Braker, Allan Cooper, John Lowman, G. W. Rench. The method of apportionment for State missions was accepted by the conference as presented by the mission board. The report is as follows: Mexico, 50; Goshen, 15; New Highland, 10; North Manchester, 30; Tiosa 15; Syracuse, 5; Dunlaps, 10; Lapaz, 15; Burns Chapel, 20; Corinth, 15; Union Salem, 10; Center Chapel, 5; Sidney, 15; Poplar Grove, 15; Nappanee, 45; Bethel, 15; College Corner, 15; Maple Grove, 15; Milford, 45; Gravelton, 10; Brighton, 30; Tea Garden, 5; West Union 5; Claypool, 10; New Enterprise, 15; Warren, 40; Elkhart, 10; Roann, 45; Zanesville, 5; New Paris, 5; Mt. Pleasant, 10; Fairview, 50; Darwin, 10; Flora, 25; Pleasant View, Auburn Junction, 12; Oakville, 45; Dutchtown, 7; Loree, 20; North Liberty, 7; Salem, 30; Mt. Union, 17; South Bend, 30; Edna Mills, 5; Roanoke, 5.

A motion prevailed that the rules be suspended and that T. C. Leslie be elected treasurer of the mission board for a term of three years. Committee on committees reported C. F. Yoder, J. Allen Miller and A. S. Menaugh as committee on State evangelist and district supervision. A motion prevailed that we proceed to get 100 twenty-five cent subscribers to the BRETHREN EVANGELIST. J. M. Fox was appointed to raise the number, which was raised. Adjourned. Benediction by J. M. Fox.

WEDNESDAY 2 P. M.

Opened with song and prayer by I. Wright. G. W. Rench was named to receive funds for foreign missions. Three additional lay and two ministerial delegates reported. Committee on conference expenses named as follows: Albert Evans, Dan Miller, Ezra Leedy. Subject "How support our weak churches" was presented by D. A. Hopkins. A conference in Sunday School work was conducted by J. E. Braker. A conference in Y. P. S. C. E. work by C. F. Yoder.

Bible reading by L. C. Yoder. Sermon by C. F. Yoder. Benediction by J. E. Braker.

THURSDAY, OCT.

Thursday morning praise service by Ida Simmons.

Devotional service conducted by J. E. Braker. Minutes of Wednesday read and approved. Final reports of committees on committees and lay delegates given. Summary of reports represented by 96 lay delegates and 115 delegates enrolled. Total of 115 delegates. The following are the full reports as given: